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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Examination of rats for plague infection in Queensland—Plague rat found at Mackay.

The following information is taken from plague bulletins issued by the department of health of Queensland:

Brisbane.—Week ended April 17. Number of rodents destroyed, 462; examined, 366; found infected, 0. Week ended April 24. Number of rodents destroyed, 725; examined, 317; found infected, 0. Week ended May 1. Number of rodents destroyed, 795; examined, 627; found infected, 0.

Date of finding of last plague-infected rat September, 15, 1909.

Mackay.—One plague-infected rat found April 15, 1909.

BARBADOS.

Reports from Bridgetown—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Status of yellow fever in the island—Sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, May 22 and 28:

Week ended May 22. Bills of health issued to 7 vessels, of which number 3 were fumigated Thirty-eight passengers and 242 members of crews were inspected.

One case of yellow fever has been reported since May 15. This case is in the interior, in St. Joseph's parish, about 14 miles north of this port, and is a negro. The locality of the case is in the part of the island where by far the largest number of cases have occurred since the outbreak in December, 1908. The health and sanitary conditions of this port are very good. The sanitary regulations passed since the present outbreak of fever have been stringently enforced.

Week ended May 29. Bills of health were issued to 9 vessels. Two vessels were fumigated. Twenty passengers and 336 members of crews were inspected.

Two new cases of yellow fever were reported during the week, both being in St. Joseph's parish, about 15 miles northeast of this port, where so many of the cases have occurred during the present outbreak. Both cases were negroes.

No case of yellow fever has occurred at this port since March 19.